

Vaccine Guidance for Students

Vaccines are a vital part of ending the Covid-19 pandemic.

Through vaccination, we can prevent those most at risk from getting the virus, meaning a reduction in hospitalisations and fewer deaths. Vaccinations have also been shown to reduce transmissions and help protect against new variants. Whilst it is still possible to get Covid, despite being vaccinated, early studies show that symptoms are usually less severe.

The more of us that get the vaccine, the better protected the population will be and any further outbreaks will not have the devastating impacts to people's lives and livelihoods that we have seen.

We are not insisting that students (or university staff) be vaccinated to take part in university life on our campus as vaccination remains a choice for all adults but are strongly recommending that all students and university staff get vaccinated unless they cannot due to medical reasons.

You can book your vaccine <u>here</u> or look out for pop-up clinics in your local area.

For those that cannot or choose not to get vaccinated, we would urge you to test on a regular basis. This can be done using the free Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing kits which are readily available. Please see this <u>link</u> for more information on how to get tests.

Placement providers may require you to be vaccinated prior to coming on to their site(s). It is every students' responsibility to ensure that you adhere to the requirements of any aspect of your course that involves either a placement partner or other third party. Please also be aware that their guidance may change so it's important that you check regularly to keep up to date.

The vaccines that are available will not resolve all problems related to Covid-19 but they will enable us to progress to a normal way of living.